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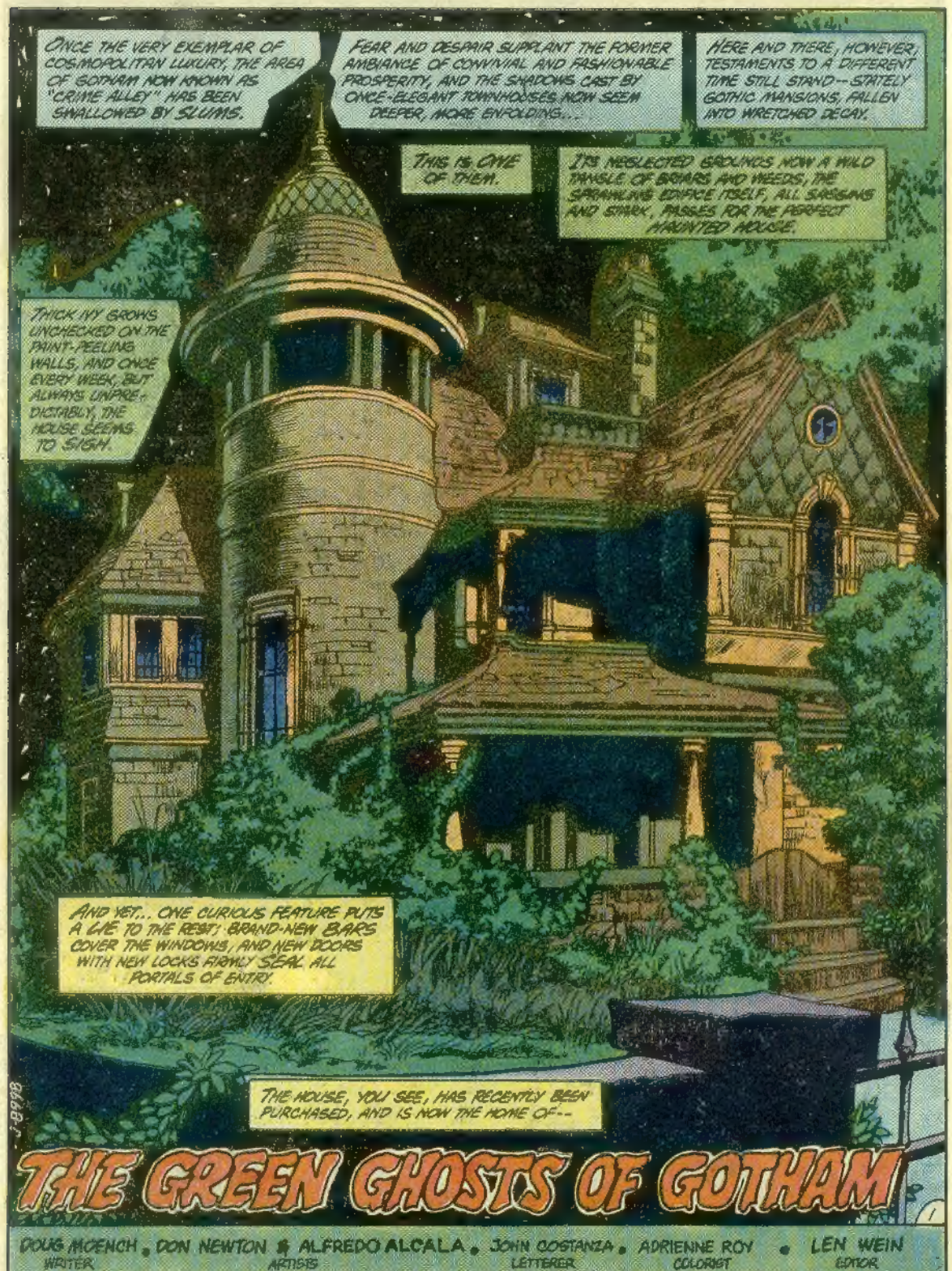
ONCE THE VERY EXEMPLAR OF COSMOPOLITAN LUXURY, THE AREA OF GOTHAM NOW KNOWN AS "CRIME ALLEY" HAS BEEN SWALLOWED BY SLUMS.
FEAR AND DESPAIR SUPPLANT THE FORMER AMBIANCE OF CONVIVIAL AND FASHIONABLE PROSPERITY, AND THE SHADOWS CAST BY ONCE-ELEGANT TOWNHOUSES NOW SEEM DEEPER, MORE ENFOLDING...
HERE AND THERE, HOWEVER, TESTAMENTS TO A DIFFERENT TIME STILL STAND--STATELY GOTHIC MANSIONS, FALLEN INTO WRETCHED DECAY.
THIS IS ONE OF THEM.
ITS NEGLECTED GROUNDS NOW A WILD TANGLE OF BRIARS AND WEEDS, THE SPRAWLING EDIFICE ITSELF, ALL SARGASS AND STARK, PASSES FOR THE PERFECT HAUNTED HOUSE.
THICK IVY GROWS UNCHECKED ON THE PAINT-PEELING WALLS, AND ONCE EVERY WEEK, BUT ALWAYS UNPREDICTABLY, THE HOUSE SEEMS TO SIGH.
AND YET... ONE CURIOUS FEATURE PUTS A LIE TO THE REST: BRAND-NEW BARS COVER THE WINDOWS, AND NEW DOORS WITH NEW LOCKS FIRMLY SEAL ALL PORTALS OF ENTRY.
THE HOUSE, YOU SEE, HAS RECENTLY BEEN PURCHASED, AND IS NOW THE HOME OF--
THE GREEN GHOSTS OF GOTHAM
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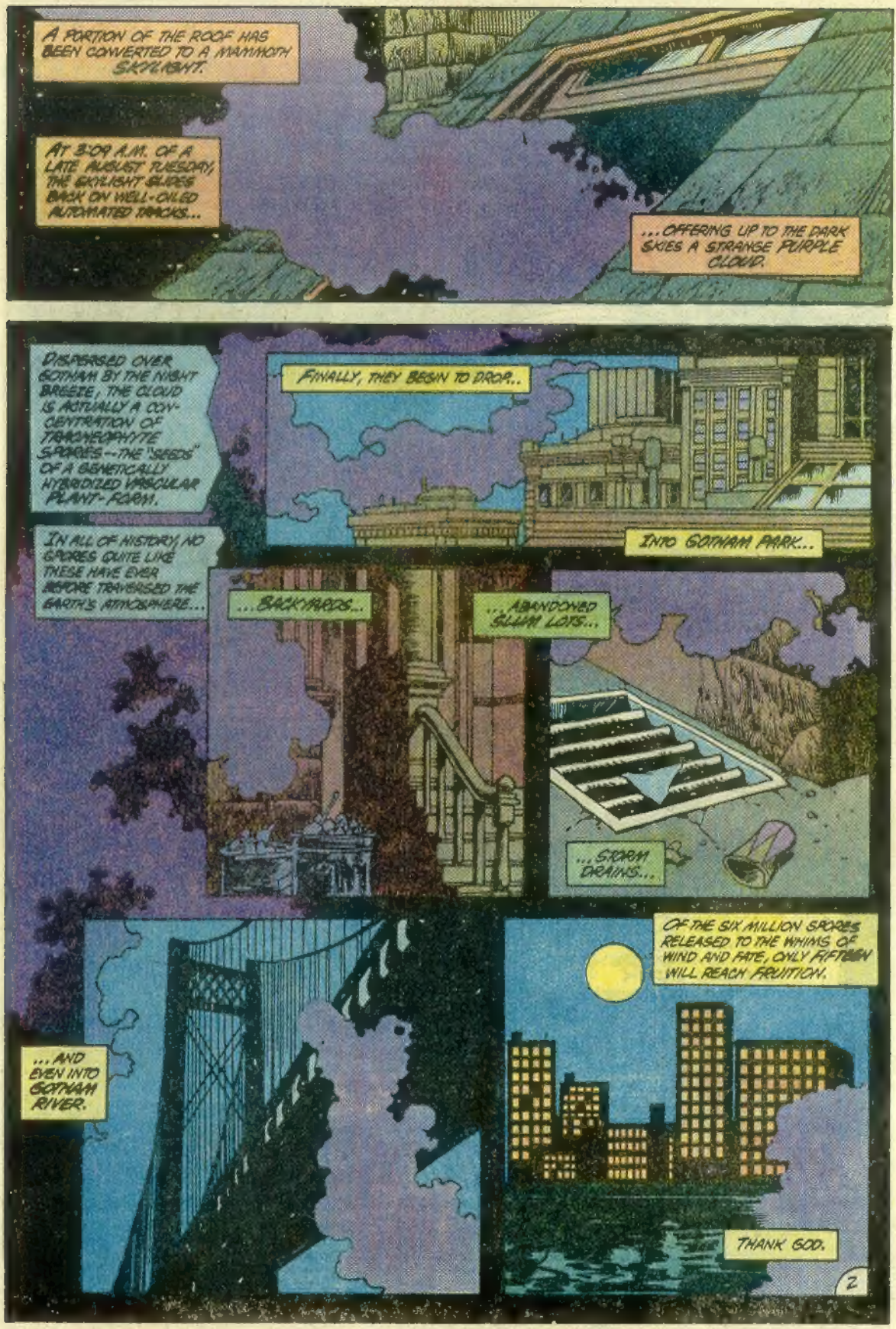
A PORTION OF THE ROOF HAS BEEN CONVERTED TO A MAMMOTH SKYLIGHT.
AT 3:09 A.M. OF A LATE AUGUST TUESDAY, THE SKYLIGHT SLIDES BACK ON WELL-OILED AUTOMATED TRACKS...
...OFFERING UP TO THE DARK SKIES A STRANGE PURPLE CLOUD.
DISPERSED OVER GOTHAM BY THE NIGHT BREEZE, THE CLOUD IS ACTUALLY A CONCENTRATION OF TRACHEOPHYTE SPORES--THE "SEEDS" OF A GENETICALLY HYBRIDIZED VASCULAR PLANT-FORM.
FINALLY, THEY BEGIN TO DROP...
INTO GOTHAM PARK...
IN ALL OF HISTORY, NO SPORES QUITE LIKE THESE HAVE EVER BEFORE TRAVERSED THE EARTH'S ATMOSPHERE...
...BACKYARDS...
...ABANDONED SLUM LOTS...
...STORM DRAINS...
...AND EVEN INTO GOTHAM RIVER.
OF THE SIX MILLION SPORES RELEASED TO THE WHIMS OF WIND AND FATE, ONLY FIFTEEN WILL REACH FRUITION.
THANK GOD.
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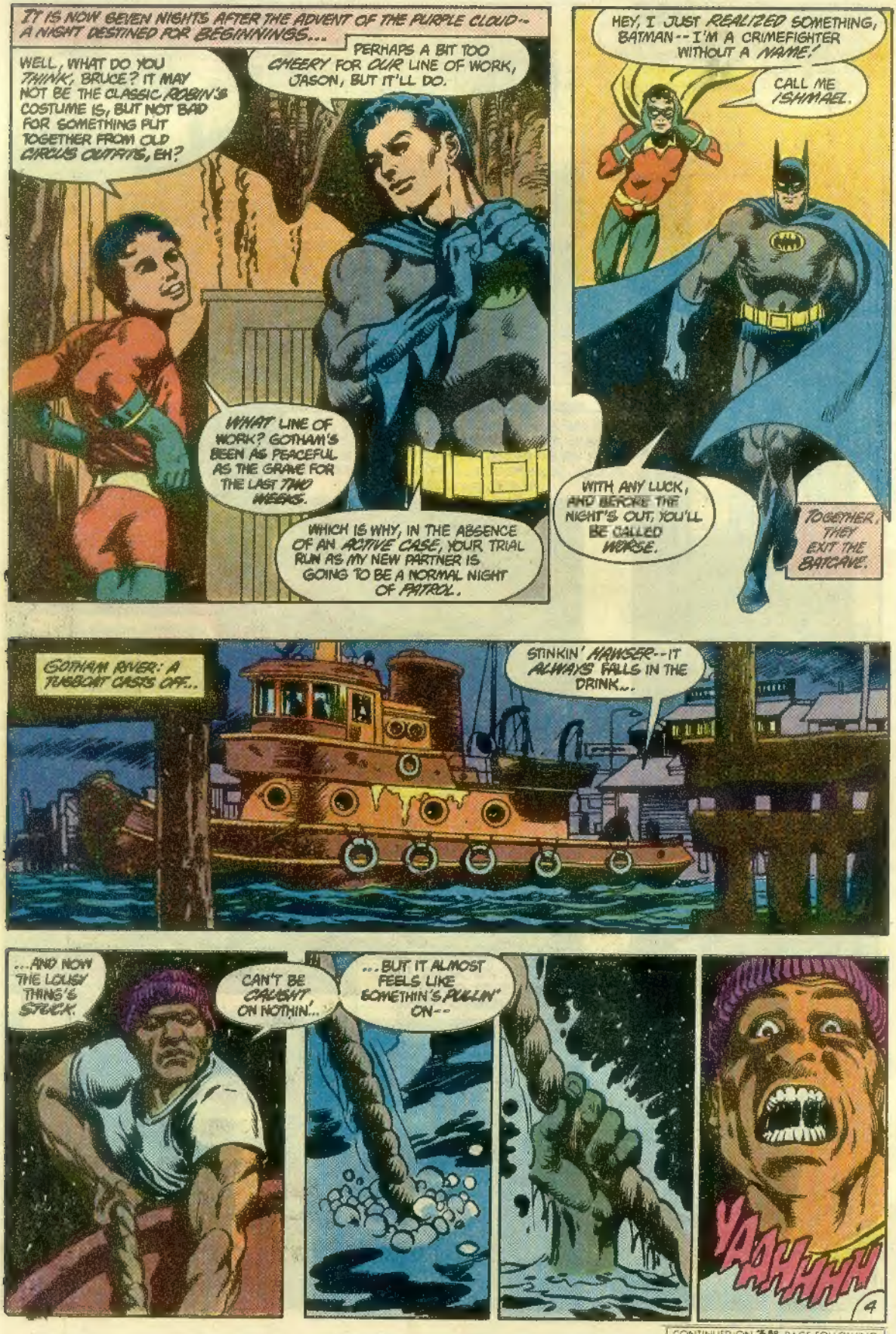
IN WARMTH AND LIGHT, DAY DAWNS...
AND, AS ON EVERY DAY, GOTHAM RIVER PLAYS HOST TO A PROCESS CALLED "PHOTOSYNTHESIS." THE TERM LITERALLY MEANS: "PUTTING TOGETHER BY LIGHT-ENERGY."
CARBON DIOXIDE, MINERALS, AND SUNLIGHT ARE ABSORBED BY ALGAE TO PRODUCE OXYGEN AND MORE ALGAE.
THIS IS GOOD.
WERE THE PROCESS OF PHOTOSYNTHESIS TO BE SOMEHOW HALTED, THE ATMOSPHERE OF THE ENTIRE WORLD WOULD BE DEVOID OF OXYGEN AND ALMOST ALL LIFE ON EARTH WOULD BE ERADICATED WITHIN BUT A FEW YEARS.
HUMANS WOULD BE AMONG THE FIRST TO GO.
TODAY, THE PHOTOSYNTHESIS OCCURRING WITHIN THIS PARTICULAR CLUMP OF ALGAE IS PROGRESSING AT A RATE MORE THAN 1000 TIMES FASTER THAN NORMAL...
...AND THE ALGAE ITSELF BEGINS TO ASSUME A DISTURBING FORM.
AT ITS HEART IS ONE OF THE FIFTEEN SPORES FLOURISHING TOWARD SUCCESSFUL LIFE.
THIS IS BAD.


IT IS NOW SEVEN NIGHTS AFTER THE ADVENT OF THE PURPLE CLOUD-- A NIGHT DESTINED FOR BEGINNINGS...
WELL, WHAT DO YOU THINK, BRUCE? IT MAY NOT BE THE CLASSIC ROBIN'S COSTUME IS, BUT NOT BAD FOR SOMETHING PUT TOGETHER FROM OLD CIRCUS OUTFITS, EH?
PERHAPS A BIT TOO CHEERY FOR OUR LINE OF WORK, JASON, BUT IT'LL DO.
WHAT LINE OF WORK? GOTHAM'S BEEN AS PEACEFUL AS THE GRAVE FOR THE LAST TWO WEEKS.
WHICH IS WHY, IN THE ABSENCE OF AN ACTIVE CASE, YOUR TRIAL RUN AS MY NEW PARTNER IS GOING TO BE A NORMAL NIGHT OF PATROL.
HEY, I JUST REALIZED SOMETHING, BATMAN -- I'M A CRIMEFIGHTER WITHOUT A NAME!
CALL ME ISHMAEL.
WITH ANY LUCK, AND BEFORE THE NIGHT'S OUT, YOU'LL BE CALLED WORSE.
TOGETHER, THEY EXIT THE BATCAVE.
GOTHAM RIVER: A TUGBOAT CASTS OFF..
STINKIN' HAWSER -- IT ALWAYS FALLS IN THE DRINK...
...AND NOW THE LOUSY THING'S STUCK.
CAN'T BE CAUGHT ON NOTHIN'...
...BUT IT ALMOST FEELS LIKE SOMETHIN'S PULLIN' ON --
YAAHHHH
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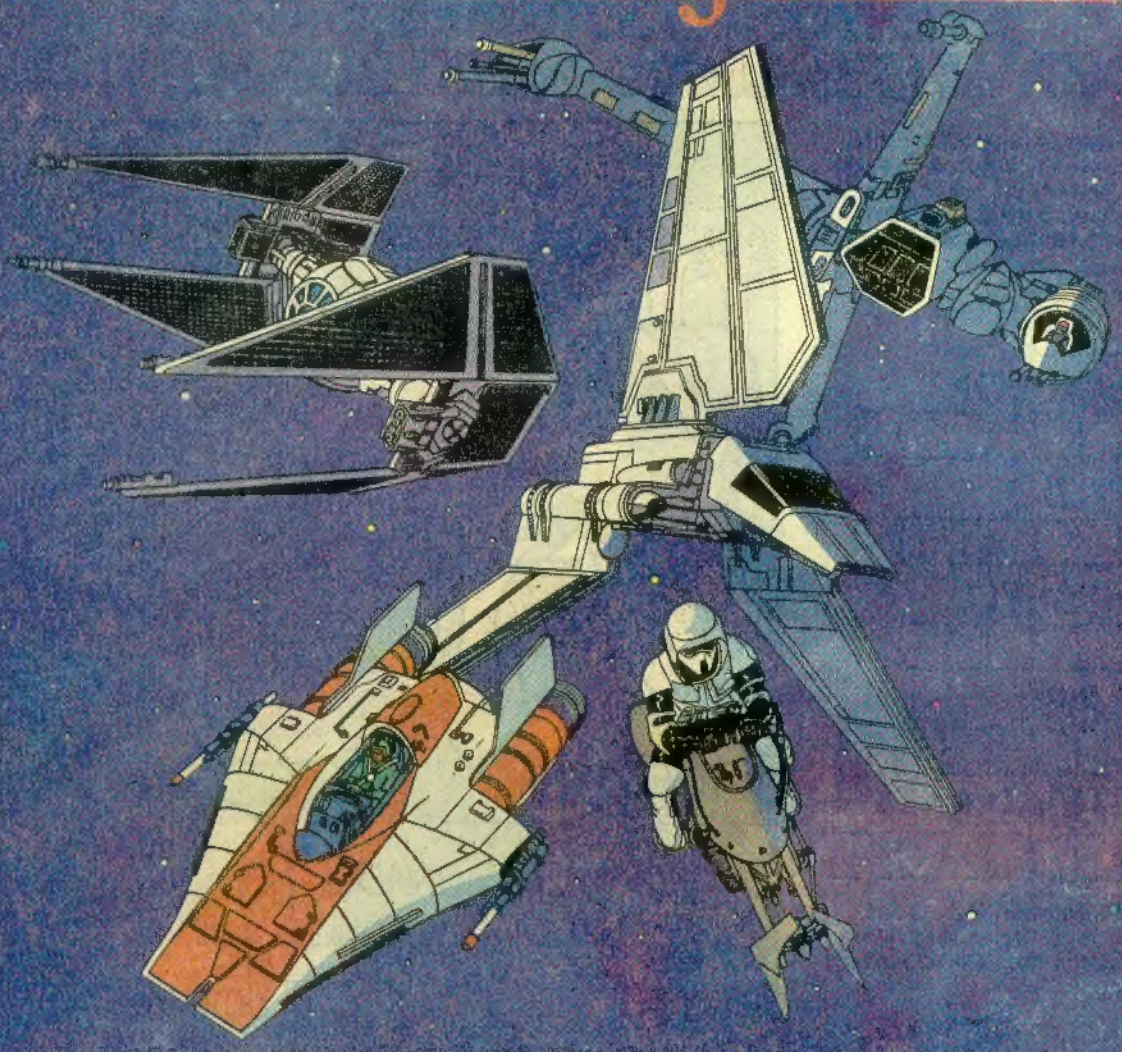

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THREE MILES INLAND, A YOUNG GUY TRIES TO MAKE TIME WITH A GIRL WHO'S GOT PLENTY BUT WHO PLAYS COY ANYWAY...
WHY YOU WANT TO KISS ME?
'CAUSE YOU MAKE ALL THE BLOOD RISE STRAIGHT TO MY LIPS, BABY.
WELL...ALL RIGHT...BUT JUST ONE KISS, AND THEN--
EEEEEEE
WHAT THE--?!
WHAT, INDEED?
THE SECOND OF FIFTEEN, IT LUMBERS FROM THE VACANT LOT, LEAVING BEHIND A HOLE OF FRESHLY RUPTURED EARTH...
...EVEN AS A THIRD SHAMBLES THROUGH GOTHAM PARK...
...AND EVEN AS, SIXTEEN BLOCKS SOUTH--
--THE FOURTH OF FIFTEEN--
HOTEL
---IS ABRUPTLY SPOTLIGHTED BY HEADLIGHTS' GLARE.
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SKREEEEEEEEE
DOWN THERE, BATMAN!
I SEE IT, JAY...
WHRAMM
YOU CHECK ON THE DRIVER--
--WHILE I GO AFTER WHATEVER CAUSED THE CRASH.
BUT, IN THE DARKNESS OF THE ALLEY...
WUMP
UHN--!
TOO... STUNNED... TO GO AFTER IT...
SO...
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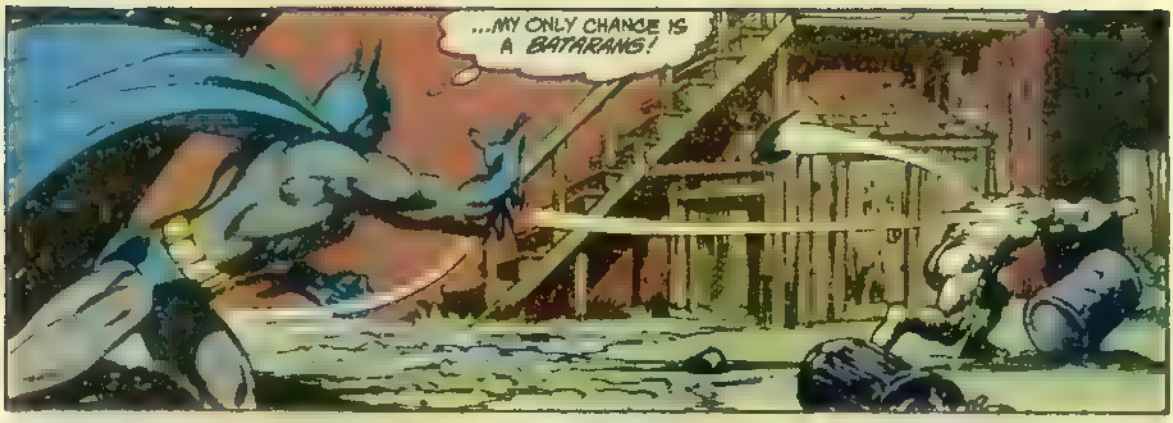
...MY ONLY CHANCE IS A BATARANG!

AND, MOMENTS LATER...
DRIVER'S PASSED OUT, BATMAN, BUT MORE FROM SHOCK THAN THE CRASH--HE'LL BE ALL RIGHT.
DID YOU GET HIM?

ONLY THIS MUCH OF HIM
YAOHH
JASON TODD'S EYES WIDEN IN WONDER

THEN HIS FACE SPLITS IN A GRIN!
WHY SO HAPPY?
BECAUSE NOW WE HAVE GOT AN ACTIVE CASE, BATMAN--
- AND ONE AS WEIRD AS ANY SIDEKICK COULD HOPE FOR!

LATER
IN ONES

...AND IN TWOS AND THREES, THEY CONVERGE FROM ALL QUARTERS OF GOTHAM..
PRODIGAL SONS, JUST BORN, RETURNING HOME

THEN, A SILENT CIRCLE OF FIFTEEN, THEY STAND IN THE WEEDS..
...GAZING UP AT A GABLED WINDOW AS IF AWAITING ORDERS... OR PERHAPS IN WORSHIP.

LOOK AT THEM DOWN THERE...
YOU'VE DONE IT, LIGNIER-- DEMONSTRATED THE POSSIBILITY OF INDUCING LIMITED INTELLIGENCE IN PLANT-LIFE.
INDEED, IVY... BUT I STILL DON'T SEE WHAT POSSIBLE USE IT CAN BE PUT TO.
YOU JUST LEAVE THAT TO ME, DEAR LIGNIER-- AND START CROWING IN TRIUMPH...
ONCE WE TURN YOUR PROCESS INSIDE-OUT, THE ROOTS OF OUR PLAN WILL BE FIRMLY ENTRENCHED...
THE CONSERVATORY IN GOTHAM PARK
I...I DON'T UNDERSTAND, BATMAN...
I'VE NEVER SEEN ANYTHING LIKE THIS
HOW SO?
IT'S CLEARLY FROM A TRACHEOPHYTE LIFE-FORM-- BUT UNITED WITH ALGAE SOMEHOW..
IT IS THUS A CELLULAR STRUCTURE WITH VASCULAR PROPERTIES.
THIS IS NOT ONLY INCONSPICUOUS, BUT DAMNED CLOSE TO INIMICAL.
FURTHERMORE, THIS LUMPISH TISSUE IS A CHLOROPLAST
A WHAT?
A CELL ORGANELLE-- IT FUNCTIONS MUCH LIKE A BOTANICAL BANK OR A PLANT-BATTERY, STORING LIGHT-ENERGY FOR A RAINY DAY.
IN THE ABSENCE OF SUNLIGHT, A CHLOROPLAST PROVIDES THE ENERGY NECESSARY TO SUSTAIN THE ORGANISM.
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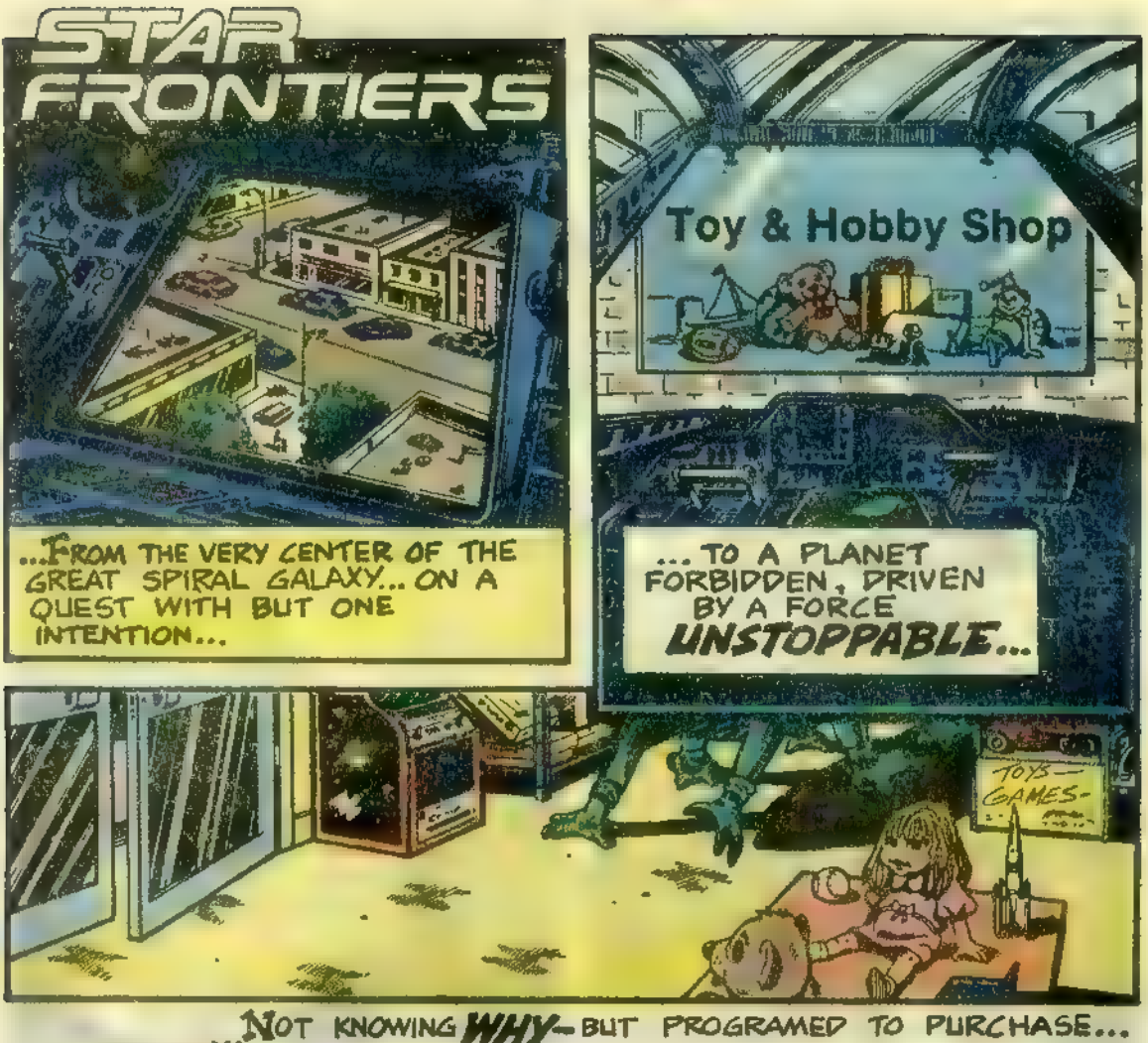
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TELL ME-- CAN PLANTS BE MUTATED TO ANY DESIRED SHAPE?
ANY SHAPE, BATMAN? WELL... I SUPPOSE IT'S THEORETICALLY POSSIBLE
THE POTENTIAL OF EUGENICS AND BIO ENGINEERING HAVE BARELY BEEN TAPPED
COULD IT HAPPEN NATURALLY-- SOME RANDOM MIXTURE OF CHEMICAL POLLUTANTS DUMPED IN THE RIVER...?
AGAIN, IT'S THEORETICALLY POSSIBLE.
IN A WAY, THE EVOLUTION OF PLANT-LIFE BEGAN IN JUST SUCH AN ACCIDENTAL PEA-SOUP...
THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.
..AND I APOLOGIZE IF MY VISIT FRIGHTENED YOU.
BUT REMEMBER-- TELL NO ONE
I CONFESS I'M STUMPED, JASON-- DOESN'T SEEM TO BE MUCH TO DO, EXCEPT KEEP LOOKING EACH NIGHT
SHERLOCK SAYS NEVER OVERLOOK THE OBVIOUS, BATMAN
I'LL RUN DOWN TO THE HARDWARE STORE AND PICK UP SOME WEED-KILLER.
BUT THE BATMAN DOES NOT EVEN SMILE.
MORNING AT WAYNE MANOR.
ALFRED! ARE YOU BACK? IS YOUR PERSONAL BUSINESS TAKEN CARE OF?
AH, FORGIVE ME, MASTER BRUCE, BUT IT SEEMS IT'S JUST BEGINNING.
I'VE ONLY COME TO GATHER SOME PERSONAL EFFECTS BEFORE DEPARTING FOR MONTREAL.
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I, AH, BROUGHT THE
AND AH I'M AFRAID
I DON'T KNOW HOW
LONG I'LL BE
HOME FOR
IF YOU
WOULD I COULD
THANK YOU, I FEED
BUT IT WON'T
BE NECESSARY
JASON AND I CAN FEND
FOR OURSELVES
DO YOU WANT TO
TALK ABOUT IT?
I I'M
AFRAID I
CAN'T FOR
PLEASE
UNDER-
STAND
NO, I DON'T
BUT
IT MUST
BE SOME-
THING
HEAVY
HE DIDN'T EVEN
BLINK AT THE NEWS
THAT JASON IS BACK
FROM THE DEAD
JOHN MARK, I THINK -
ALMOST EVERY OFFICE
GOT ONE, MR. FOX
BUYER
WHAT'S THAT
AWFUL?
FUNERAL SCENTED
STINK UP THE
MAILROOM SOME-
THING AWFUL
"EXOTICA" MUST BE IN
THE BUSINESS OF SELLING
FUNERAL MEMENTOES
ARE YA SURE
YOU'RE FEELIN' UP
TO WORK, COMMISH--?
...SO SOON
AFTER YER
STROKE, I
MEAN--
YA WANT ME
TO GET YA
SOME COFFEE?
NEED SOME
HELP TO YER
DESK? OR
MEBBE--
THAT'S
ENOUGH,
SGT.
BULLOCK
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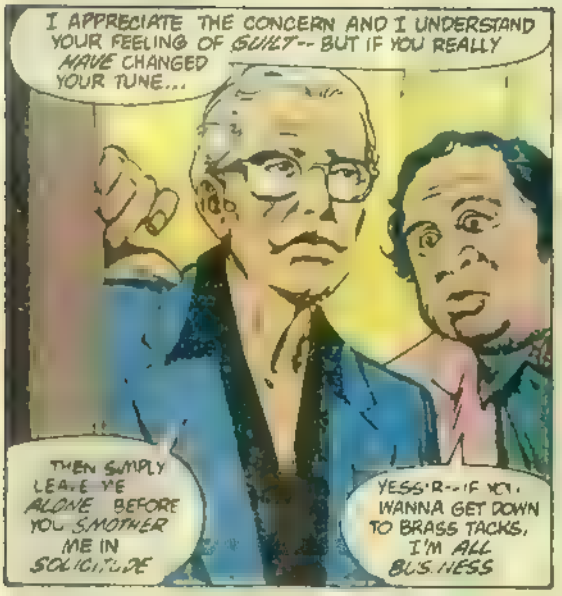
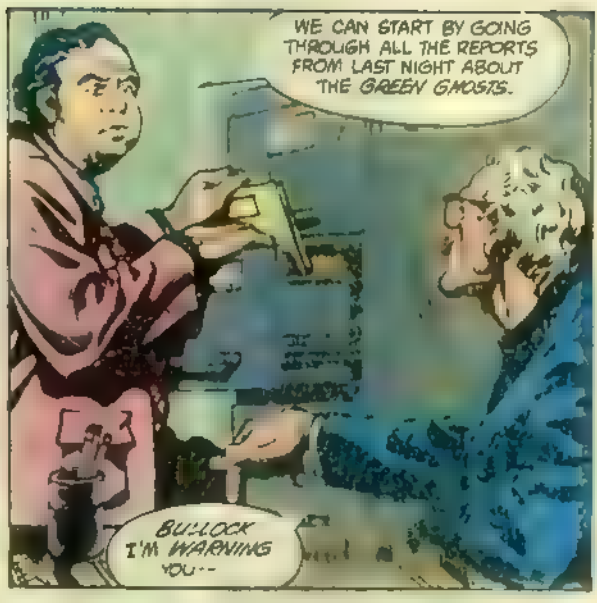

I APPRECIATE THE CONCERN AND I UNDERSTAND YOUR FEELING OF GUILT-- BUT IF YOU REALLY HAVE CHANGED YOUR TUNE...
THEN SIMPLY LEAVE ME ALONE BEFORE YOU SMOTHER ME IN SOLICITUDE
YESS'R--IF YOU WANNA GET DOWN TO BRASS TACKS, I'M ALL BUSINESS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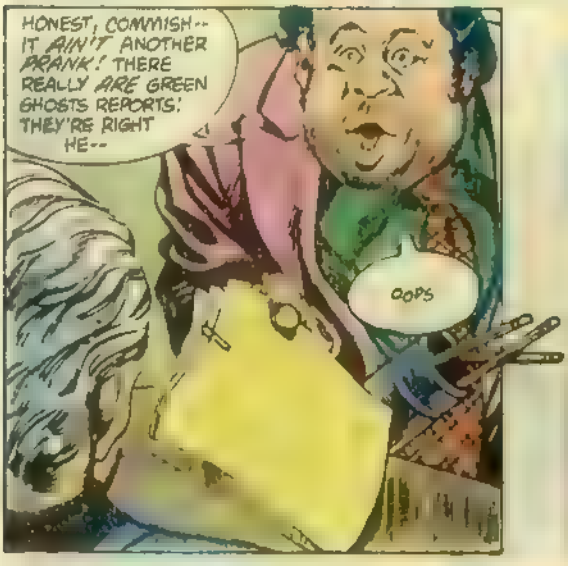
BULLOCK I'M WARNING YOU--


HONEST, COMMISH-- IT AIN'T ANOTHER PRANK! THERE REALLY ARE GREEN GHOSTS REPORTS! THEY'RE RIGHT HE--
OOPS

PICTURE NEWS
THREE MORE REPORTS OF LITTLE GREEN MEN FROM MARS, VICKI.
REPORTS, REPORTS--KEEP YOUR REPORTS.
WHEN YOU'VE GOT PHOTOS OF THE LITTLE GREEN FREAKS, THEN YOU CAN BUG ME.

SOMEONE ELSE FRANKY-PUSS
THELMA'S RIGHT--I AM BEING A PAIN MAYBE I SHOULD CALL BRUCE
ACCORDING TO THE BATMAN WHEN WE WERE IN GUATEMALA, BRUCE DOES STILL CARE FOR ME

NO--GOT TO KEEP MY MIND OFF BRUCE WAYNE
I'M JUST NOT READY YET..
...ALTHOUGH IF HE WERE CONSIDERATE ENOUGH TO MAKE THE CALL.
MEN.

THE DECAYING MANSION IN CRIME ALLEY:
ALL-OUT WAS TAKEN
HMPH
IF THE LOCALE IS ANY INDICATION OF THE TOTAL EXPERIENCE...
OH WELL, I'VE COME THIS FAR.
AND HIS IS NOT THE ONLY LIMOUSINE TO BRAVE A STREET HAUNTED BY THE GHOSTS OF FORMER LUXURY...
REACHING THE MANSE, HE FINDS ITS FRONT DOOR ENTIRELY UNLOCKED..
WELCOME SIR! WELCOME TO EXOTICA.. AND TO THE EXPERIENCE OF YOUR LIFETIME.
G-GOOD, LORD--!
THE WHOLE HOUSE--ALL THE WALLS KNOCKED OUT-- THE ENTIRE INTERIOR-- FILLED WITH ..WITH A JUNGLE!
WITH EXOTICA SIR AND I'M CERTAIN YOU WILL APPRECIATE THE TWORLD SPLENDOR OF MY EMPORIUM.
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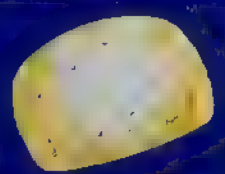

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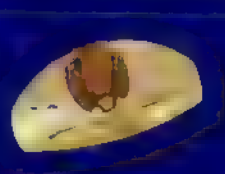

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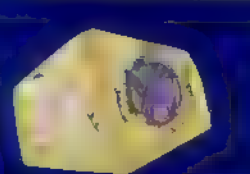

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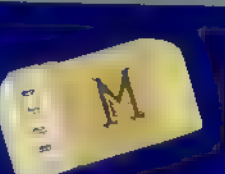

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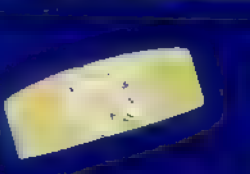

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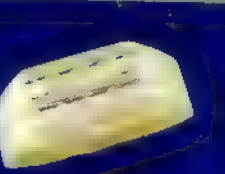

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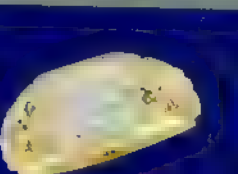

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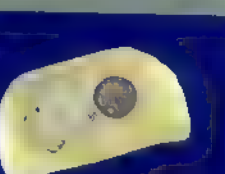

JEFFERSON $425
5 diamond initial accents
A genuine black star sapphire 10k gold
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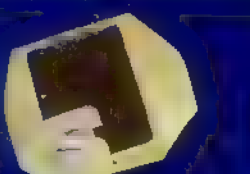

BROADWAY $400
5 diamond initial with black onyx set in 10k gold
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CHAMPION $320
Black onyx with diamond and initial 10k gold.
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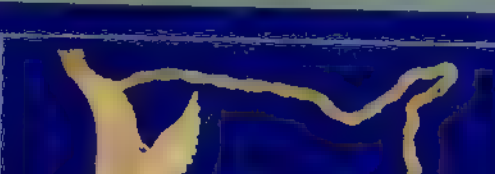

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1 diamond set in a 14k gold eagle and it comes with a 20" gold filled chain.
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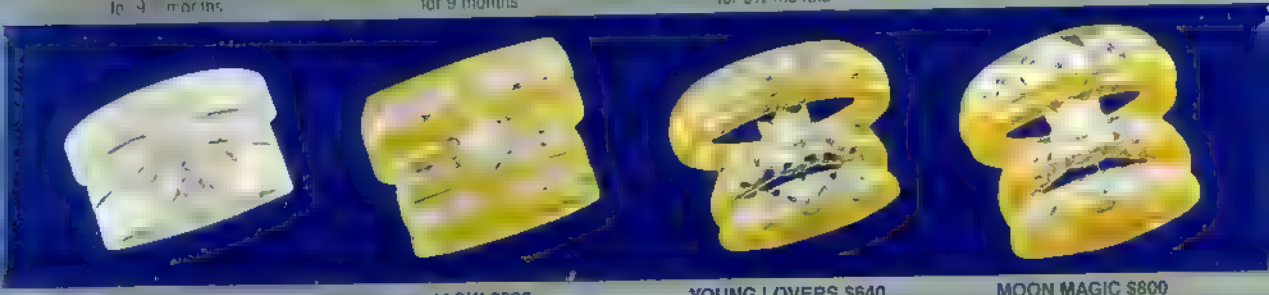

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Diamond solitaire with 3 diamond wedding ring. 10k gold groom's ring. $25 twice mo. 19 pmts. $25 ea. for 9 months.

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13 diamonds in a classic 10k gold design
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9 diamonds in scalloped heart design 10k gold
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9 diamonds in modern tailored 10k gold
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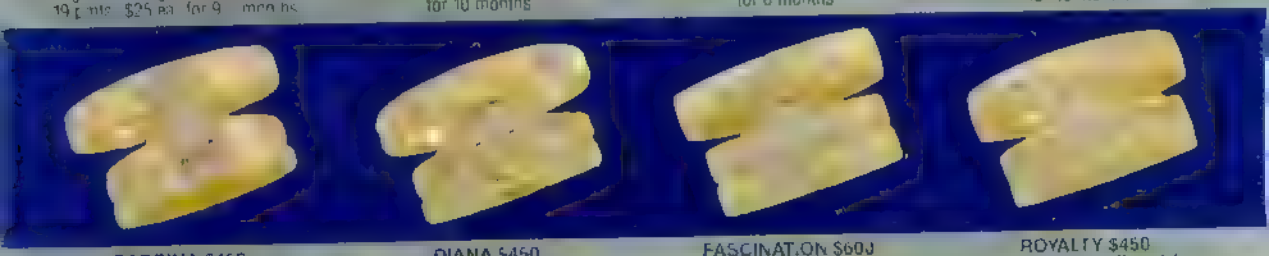

SABRINA $450
Diamond solitaire with matching 10k gold bands
$25 twice mo. 18 pmts. $25 ea for 9 months

DIANA $450
Diamond solitaire with matching 10k gold bands
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9 diamonds in elegant settings of 10k gold
$30 twice mo. 20 pmts. $30 ea for 10 months.

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Diamond solitaire with matching 10k gold bands
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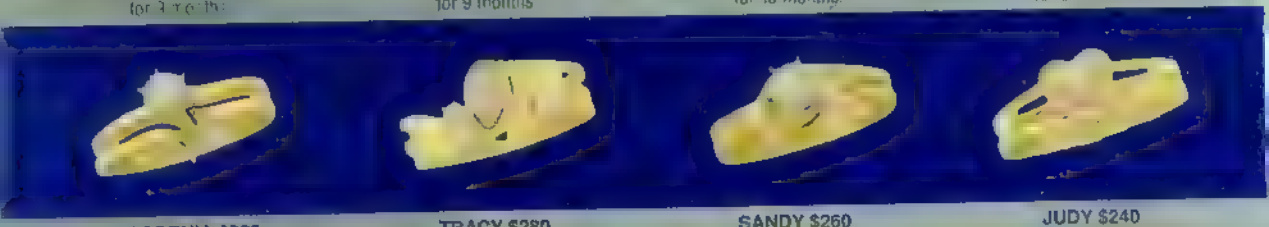

GARDENIA $280
Diamond solitaire with 1 diamond wedding band. 10k gold
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3 diamonds in a modern design of 10k gold
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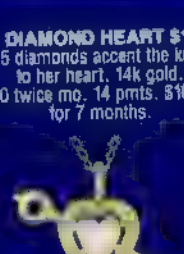

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14k gold initial and chain set with a diamond.
$10 twice mo. 13 pmts. $10 ea. for 6½ months.

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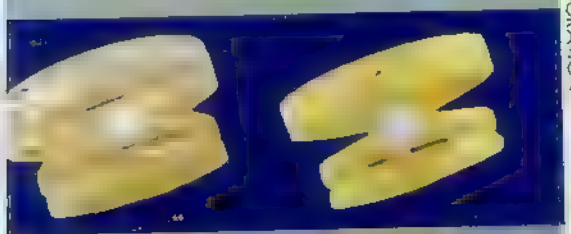

MOONGLOW $380
-mond solitaire with matching 10k gold bands
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Diamond solitaire with matching 10k gold bands
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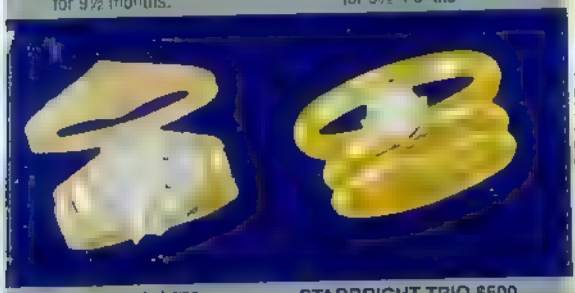

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diamond engagement ring enclosed by a wedding r ng w th matching man's band 10k gold $30 twice mo 19 pmts $30 ea for 9½ months.

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Tiffany set diamond with 14k gold bands
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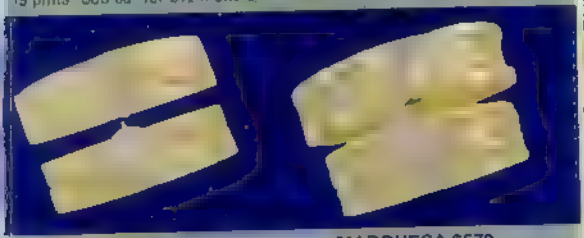

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5 diamonds set in classic 10k gold des gn
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5 diamond in ta.ored 10k gold design
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CARESS $260
Center diamond n matching 10k gold set
$20 twice mo. 13 pmts $20 ea. for 6½ months

SUNRISE $340
10 diamonds in lovely 10k go d setting
$20 twice mo 17 pmts $20 ea for 8½ months

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in delicate
10k gold.
3 pmts. $10 ea
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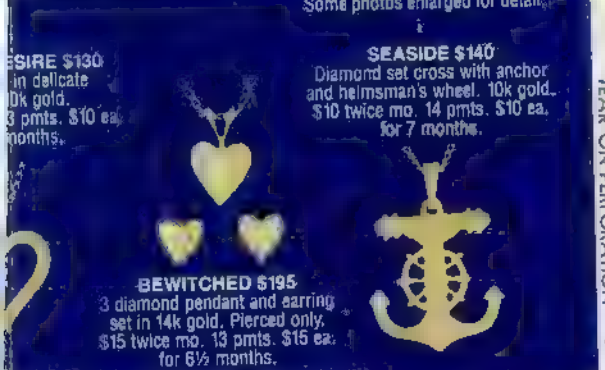

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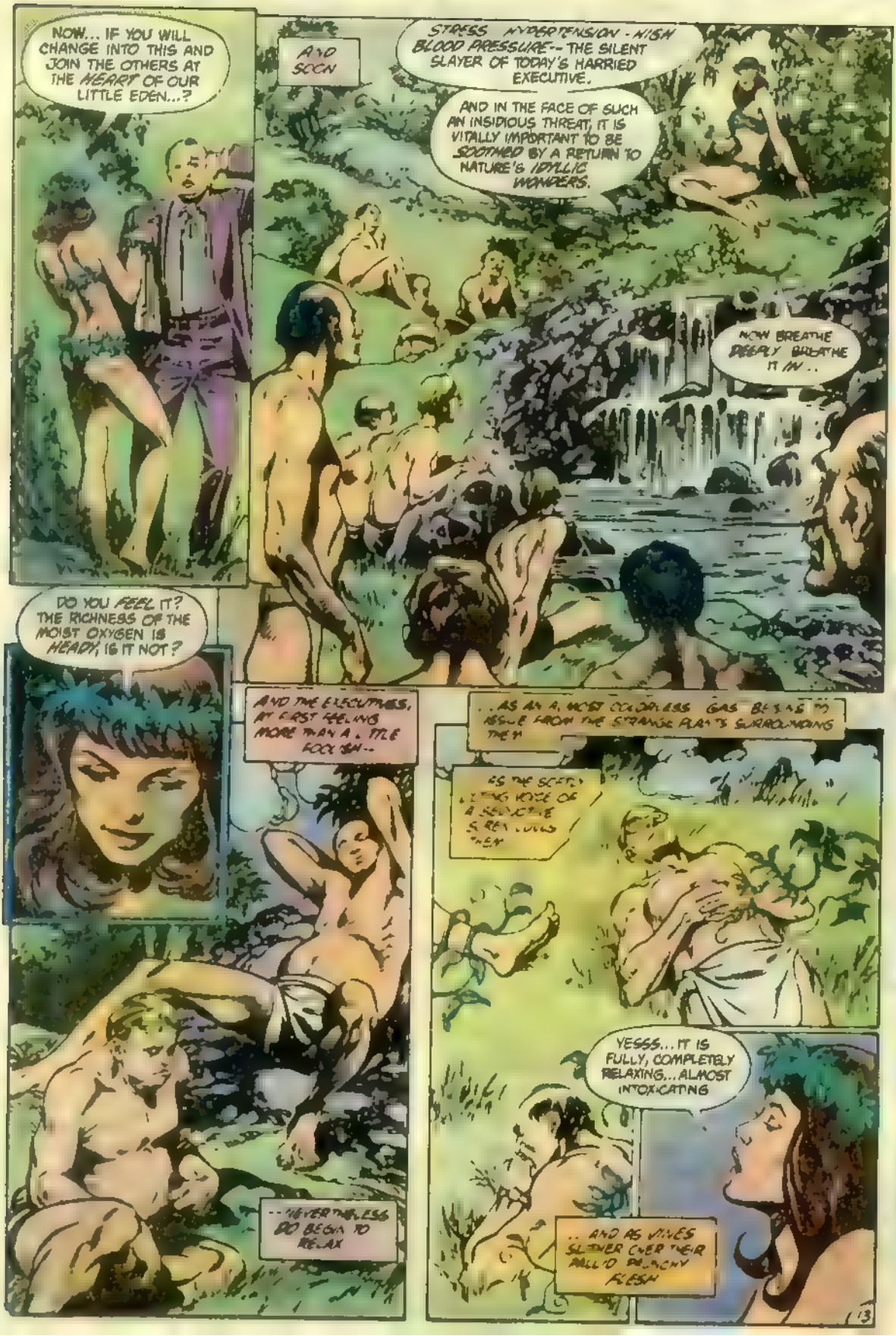
NOW... IF YOU WILL CHANGE INTO THIS AND JOIN THE OTHERS AT THE HEART OF OUR LITTLE EDEN...?
AND SOON
STRESS HYPERTENSION - HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE-- THE SILENT SLAYER OF TODAY'S HARRIED EXECUTIVE.
AND IN THE FACE OF SUCH AN INSIDIOUS THREAT, IT IS VITALLY IMPORTANT TO BE SOOTHED BY A RETURN TO NATURE'S IDYLLIC WONDERS.
NOW BREATHE DEEPLY BREATHE IT IN..
DO YOU FEEL IT? THE RICHNESS OF THE MOIST OXYGEN IS HEADY, IS IT NOT?
AND THE EXECUTIVES, AT FIRST FEELING MORE THAN A LITTLE FOOLISH--
..AS AN ALMOST COLORLESS GAS BEGINS TO ISSUE FROM THE STRANGE PLANTS SURROUNDING THEM
AS THE SOOTHING VOICE OF A SEDUCTIVE SIREN LURES THEM
YESSS... IT IS FULLY, COMPLETELY RELAXING... ALMOST INTOXICATING
..NEVERTHELESS DO BEGIN TO RELAX
.. AND AS VINES SLITHER OVER THEIR WILLING PHALLIC FLESH
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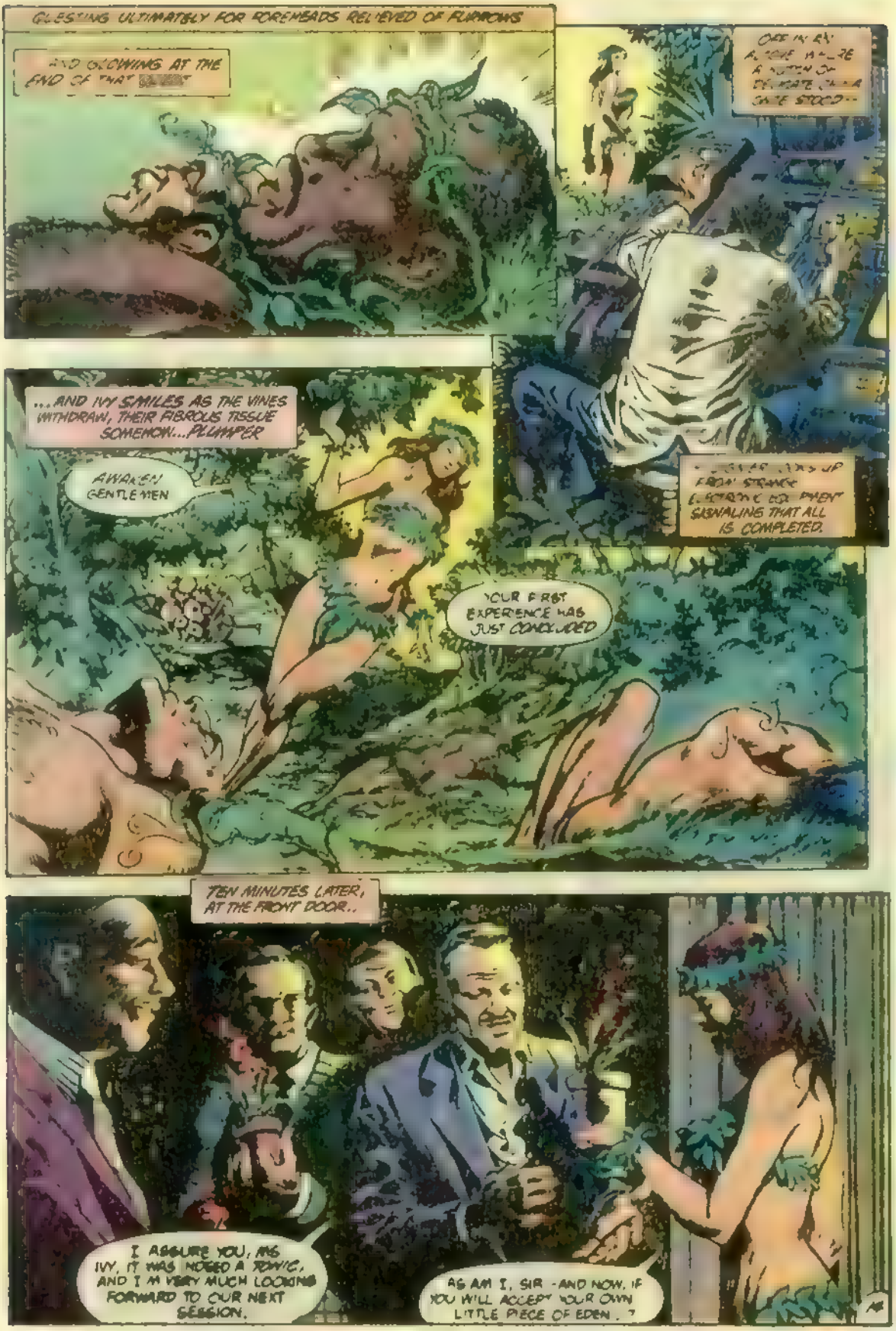
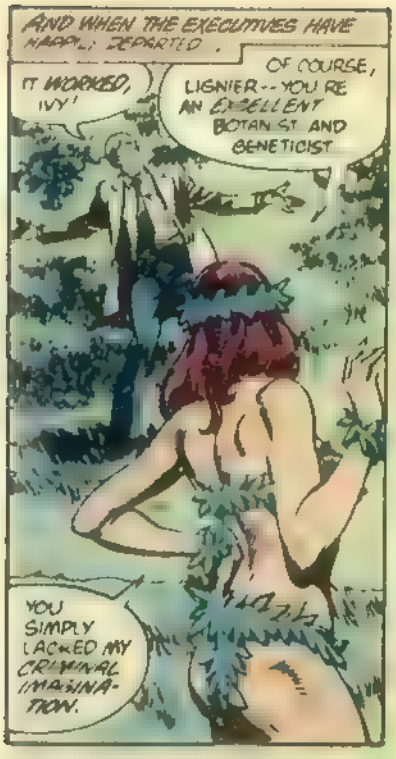

GLISTENING ULTIMATELY FOR FOREHEADS RELIEVED OF FURROWS
AND GLOWING AT THE END OF THAT
ONE IN AN
...AND IVY SMILES AS THE VINES WITHDRAW, THEIR FIBROUS TISSUE SOMEHOW...PLUMPER
AWAKEN GENTLEMEN
FROM STRANGE
SIGNALING THAT ALL IS COMPLETED.
YOUR FIRST EXPERIENCE HAS JUST CONCLUDED
TEN MINUTES LATER, AT THE FRONT DOOR..
I ASSURE YOU, MS IVY, IT WAS NEEDED A TONIC, AND I AM VERY MUCH LOOKING FORWARD TO OUR NEXT SESSION.
AS AM I, SIR - AND NOW, IF YOU WILL ACCEPT YOUR OWN LITTLE PIECE OF EDEN..?


AND WHEN THE EXECUTIVES HAVE HAPPILY DEPARTED...
IT WORKED, IVY!
OF COURSE, LIGNIER--YOU'RE AN EXCELLENT BOTANIST AND GENETICIST
YOU SIMPLY LACKED MY CRIMINAL IMAGINATION.

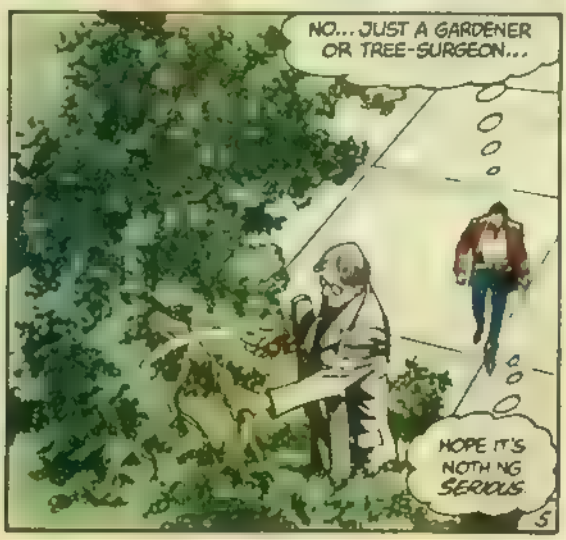
WAYNE MANOR MORNING
NO NEW LEADS ON OUR GREEN FRIEND, BRUCE?
SAME OLD TACTICS, JAY
WE'LL JUST KEEP LOOKING.

OKAY, BUT I STILL SAY A LITTLE DEFOLIANT IS OUR BEST BET
I'M OFF FOR SCHOOL--MAYBE WE'LL GET LUCKY TONIGHT.
BRRING
BE GOOD, SON

YES, LUCIUS, HOW ARE--WHAT? SOME OF THE EXECUTIVES AT THE WAYNE FOUNDATION ARE WHAT?
ACTING STRANGE?

ALMOST LIKE ZOMBIES OR ROBOTS BRUCE, BUT VERY HAPPY ONES...AND THEY'VE BEEN MAKING MISTAKES.
I'LL BE RIGHT DOWN, LUCIUS

A HALF HOUR LATER OUTSIDE THE WAYNE FOUNDATION.
EH--? SQUIRRELS IN OUR TREE--?
E FOU


NO...JUST A GARDENER OR TREE-SURGEON...
HOPE IT'S NOTHING SERIOUS.
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INSIDE
HELLO, AL-- SEEN LUCIUS?
BEAUTIFUL DAY, ISN'T IT, BRUCE? WARM SUNLIGHT, HIGH HUMIDITY-- SOOTHING WEATHER
I BELIEVE LUCIUS SAID HE WAS GOING TO ACCOUNTING... OR WAS THAT YESTERDAY?
UH... THAT'S A RATHER ODD PLANT YOU'VE GOT THERE, AL..
BEAUTIFUL, BRUCE-- MY OWN LITTLE PIECE OF EDEN.
SEE WHAT I MEAN, BRUCE?
YES, LUCIUS, HE DOES SEEM OUT TO LUNCH
AND I'VE JUST COME BACK FROM ACCOUNTING-- THE ERRORS ARE WORSE THAN I THOUGHT. IF I WEREN'T AWARE OF HOW... DISORIENTED THEY ARE I'D ALMOST SUSPECT A SET UP FOR EMBEZZLEMENT
HMM. EMBEZZLEMENT... PLANTS... STRANGE TRANCE-LIKE BEHAVIOR AND-- LUCIUS!
DO YOU KNOW IF AL HAS VISITED A PLACE CALLED EXOTICA?
WHY, NO.. BUT I ASSUME HE DID RECEIVE AN INVITATION. THE MAILBOY SAID WE ALL DID. I THREW MINE AWAY...
JUST AS I TRASHED MINE, LUCIUS.
BUT I THINK IT'S TIME TO ACCEPT THAT INVITATION-- [illegible]
BUT--
JUST HOLD DOWN THE FORT, LUCIUS-- I'LL GET TO THE ROOT OF THIS
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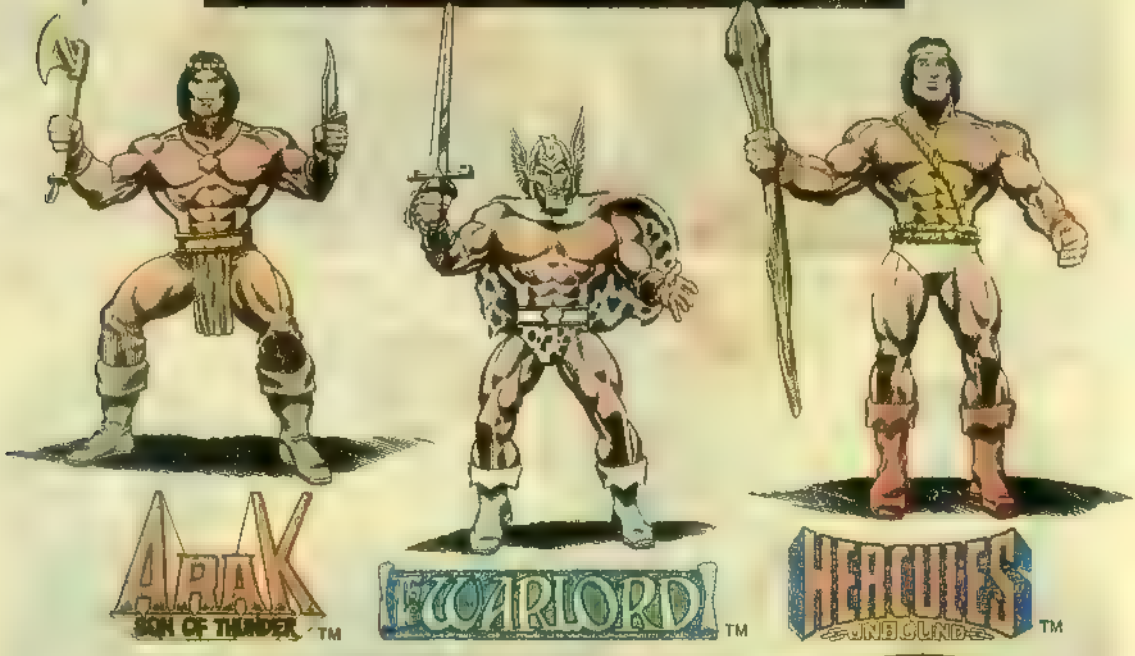

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THE BATCAVE: NIGHT.
HEY, BRUCE, MAYBE WE SHOULD TURN VEGETARIAN.
DID YOU KNOW THAT THE CHEMICAL AND ELECTRICAL ENERGY NECESSARY FOR THE FUNCTIONING OF OUR BRAIN CELLS WAS ONCE SUNLIGHT ABSORBED BY THE CHLOROPHYLL IN THE VEGETABLES WE ATE AT DINNER?
IT'S TIME TO SOLVE THE MYSTERY OF THE GREEN MEN.
YEAH? HOW--?
BY KEEPING A DATE WITH--
"--A CERTAIN LADY IN GREEN."
I THOUGHT THERE MIGHT BE A SERPENT LURKING IN THIS GARDEN... POISON IVY
WHAT'S THE MATTER, BATMAN?
FEELING AN ITCH?
HOW DID YOU GET OUT OF PRISON?
IS IT MY FAULT THE JURY WOULDN'T BELIEVE THAT DEAD THING WAS ONCE A MAN?
"A MAN!"? IT WAS IVOR, THE ONE PERSON IN THE WORLD WHO DID ANYTHING YOU ASKED--
--INCLUDING SUBMISSION TO YOUR GOULISH HYBRID EXPERIMENTS.
YOU REPAID HIM BY TURNING HIM INTO A MONSTER--AND THEN BY CAUSING HIS DEATH.*
* SEE BATMAN #344 --LEN.
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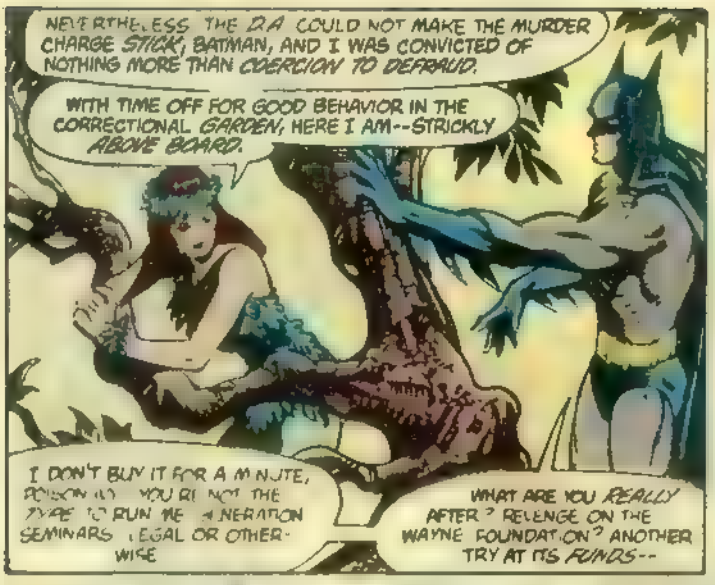
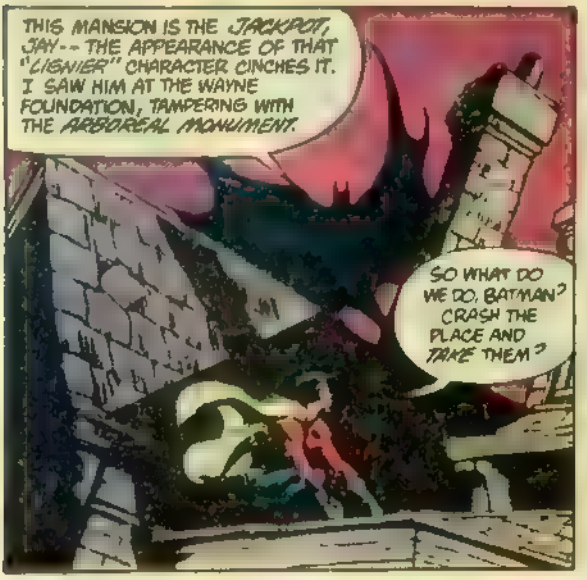
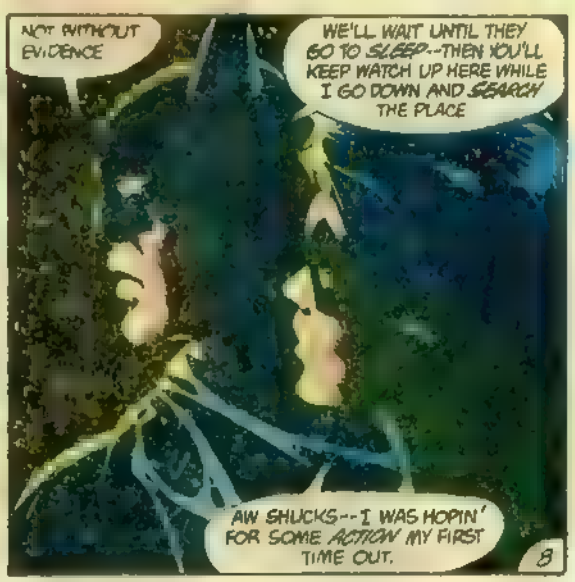

NEVERTHELESS THE DA COULD NOT MAKE THE MURDER CHARGE STICK; BATMAN, AND I WAS CONVICTED OF NOTHING MORE THAN COERCION TO DEFRAUD.
WITH TIME OFF FOR GOOD BEHAVIOR IN THE CORRECTIONAL GARDEN, HERE I AM--STRICKLY ABOVE BOARD.
I DON'T BUY IT FOR A MINUTE, POISON IVY--YOU'RE NOT THE TYPE TO RUN ME A NERATION SEMINARS LEGAL OR OTHERWISE
WHAT ARE YOU REALLY AFTER? REVENGE ON THE WAYNE FOUNDATION? ANOTHER TRY AT ITS FUNDS--

--THIS TIME THROUGH EMBEZZLEMENT?
YOU CAN'T PROVE A WORD OF--
TROUBLE, PAMELA?

IT'S NOTHING, LIGNIER.
THE BATMAN HERE WAS JUST LEAVING. HE'S... AN OLD ACQUAINTANCE.
THE BATMAN--? WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

WHAT THE--?!
WELL, HE WAS HERE--JUST A MOMENT AGO.
AND HE'LL BE BACK, LIGNIER--THE SEEDS HAVE BEEN PLANTED


THIS MANSION IS THE JACKPOT, JAY--THE APPEARANCE OF THAT "LIGNIER" CHARACTER CINCHES IT. I SAW HIM AT THE WAYNE FOUNDATION, TAMPERING WITH THE ARBOREAL MONUMENT.
SO WHAT DO WE DO, BATMAN? CRASH THE PLACE AND TAKE THEM?


NOT WITHOUT EVIDENCE
WE'LL WAIT UNTIL THEY GO TO SLEEP--THEN YOU'LL KEEP WATCH UP HERE WHILE I GO DOWN AND SEARCH THE PLACE
AW SHUCKS--I WAS HOPIN' FOR SOME ACTION MY FIRST TIME OUT.

MINUTES LATER.
--THE BATMAN PROWLS THROUGH THE JUNGLED DARKNESS, ONLY TO FIND--
NOTHING.
NO EVIDENCE NO LITTLE GREEN MEN...NO--
NEVER THE ARTIFICIAL LIGHTING SYSTEM HAS BEEN DOUSED--
LIKE VAMPIRES RAVAGING THEIR OWN GRAVES FROM WITHIN, THEY RISE FROM THE MOIST HUMUS.
...SWARMING OVER THIS INTRUDER ON THEIR SOIL.
THINK HE KNEW OF THEM ALL? HE IS BUT ONE
ROBIN--!!
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JASON TODD WANTED ACTION...
FWHIP
WUMP
HE'S GOT IT.
AND THEN SOME...
NO!!
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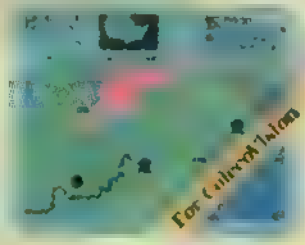

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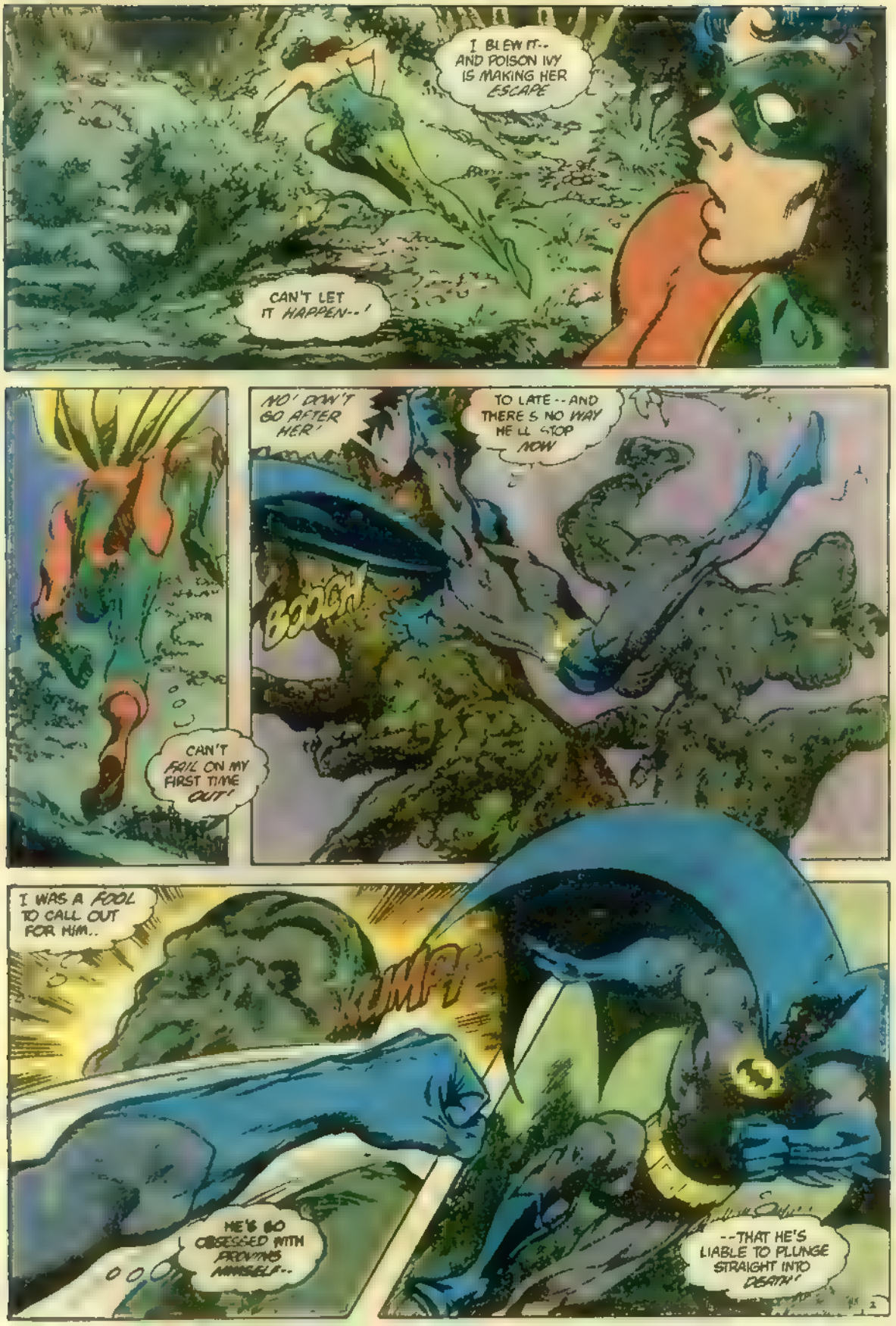
I BLEW IT-- AND POISON IVY IS MAKING HER ESCAPE
CAN'T LET IT HAPPEN--!
NO! DON'T GO AFTER HER!
TO LATE -- AND THERE'S NO WAY HE'LL STOP NOW
BOOOM
CAN'T FAIL ON MY FIRST TIME OUT!
I WAS A FOOL TO CALL OUT FOR HIM..
KUMFF
HE'S SO OBSESSED WITH PROVING HIMSELF--
--THAT HE'S LIABLE TO PLUNGE STRAIGHT INTO DEATH!

NO DOUBT THAT DART WAS POISONED--WHICH MEANS IF IT HADN'T BEEN FOR THAT BATARANG
SPAK!
UNH!
THROKK
I-IVY...?
SKRAK
SHE SMASHES A HYDRANT TROUGH.
CHEMICAL NUTRIENTS SP... TO THE GROUND
FIRE FOLLOWS
AND THE ANCIENT STRU... CONSUMED
...QUEN--AS WELL AS THE ...CONTAINING IT--IS SWIFTLY
IVY..! WE'VE GOT TO STOP HER!
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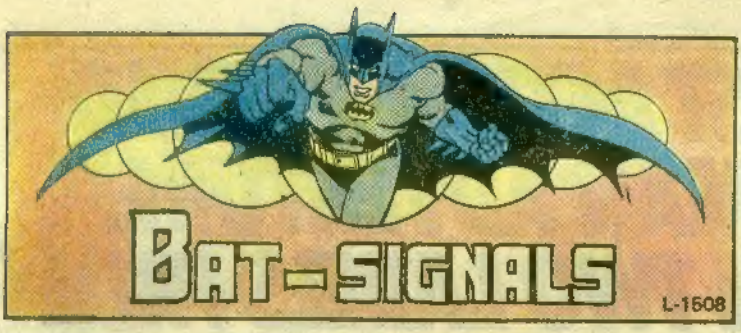
NO, JASON! YOU'RE STILL STUNNED -- DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE SAYING!
THE FIRE'S SPREADING TOO FAST -- AND WE'VE GOT TO GET LIGNIER OUT OF HERE!
CAN YOU MAKE IT ON YOUR OWN SON?
YEAH I I'M FINE
GREEN MEN" BURN IN SILENCE...
FOR THE SCREAMS OF PLANTS CANNOT BE HEARD BY TRUE MEN
OUTSIDE THE PASS FORMED
BARREL' KOTLS ...N EXT C A
DC
WHEN YOU CALLED FOR ME TO HELP IN THERE ..
...YOU CALLED ROBIN!
IT COULD HAVE HAPPENED TO ANYONE -- AND WE'LL BE HOT ON IVY'S TRAIL AS SOON AS LIGNIER REVIVES AND TALKS.
IT IT'S NOT THAT, BATMAN.
IN THE NEXT DETECTIVE "BRAMBLES," AND IN THE NEXT BATMAN. "ROBIN REDUX!"



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Dear People,

Some of the things going on with the Batman character have really caught my attention. Like the August issues—and the way *Detective* #529 served as a lead-in to *The Outsiders* #1 (even moreso than the "prevue" story in *Brave & Bold* #200) and the way *World's Finest* #294 obviously occurred shortly *after* the first Outsiders story concluded. Four books in a single month, and for once it's plainly obvious in which order the stories take place. Congratulations to editors Len Wein (on BATMAN, *Detective*, and *Outsiders*) and good buddy Marv Wolfman (on *World's Finest*); until now, continuity like this was a mad dream!

You've been lining up some *wondrous* artwork of late. With Don Newton, Gene Colan, and Alfredo Alcala, we already had a fantastic lineup, but with the recent likes of Dick Giordano, Jerome Moore, Frank Giacoia (love his work—on the right people), and Mike DeCarlo, plus Ed Hannigan and friends on the covers ... WOW!

As for the stories, Doug Moench completely faked me out in BATMAN #364's "The Man of a Thousand Menaces." In a story about a face-changing villain, I began to wonder about the guy who suddenly popped up as a roustabout on page 9. Developments on page 10 distracted me totally until halfway down page 11 when it suddenly hit me—WAITAMINUTE! The Batman! I've been joking for some time now that whenever anyone appears in a Batman story who doesn't belong, it's the Batman in disguise—and I'm usually able to pick him out immediately. But not *this* time.

Back to page 10—when Alfred stands there aghast at someone appearing "after all this time," I was stunned. Now, obviously the Catwoman or Talia would be too recent, and I doubt anyone *before* Vicki Vale could be the mysterious presence on the doorstep, so I have to wonder—*Silver St. Cloud?* You know, after Steve Englehart left comics, Doug Moench became my favorite writer, and there hasn't been a writer of his caliber *since* Steve left ... and it just might be that Doug is the only writer since Steve who'd have the nerve to tackle that character and pull it off successfully. If Doug indeed intends to bring back "the" women in Bruce's life, I wish him the best of luck, not that it will be needed, judging from Doug's best efforts on *Moon Knight* and *Master of Kung Fu*.

One question that's been bugging me for the last couple of months: WHO IS DAN DAY??? It's just a bit much for my nervous system to think of two artists, related or not, with such similar styles...

Henry Kujawa
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First, Henry, Dan Day is indeed the late Gene Day's brother. The fact that Dan had long served as Gene's assistant accounts for the similarity in layout styles, as evidenced by Dan's premiere work on a recent issue of *Detective*. That story, incidentally, so impressed the folks toiling in these offices that you can expect more of Dan's work in future DC books, such as SAGA OF THE SWAMP THING #20, on sale even as we speak.

By now you know that the mysterious presence on Wayne Manor's doorstep was Alfred's daughter Julia and not Silver St. Cloud. Doug thanks you for the compliments, Henry, but as far as he's personally concerned the St. Cloud story is finished.

Finally, you've made the day very pleasant indeed for our crew of awesome artists. One can hardly take a step around here without crunching the ecstatically flung pencils and brushes now littering the corridors everywhere...

Dear Len,

Not for a good long while has there been as near-perfect an issue of BATMAN as #364. The story has so much worth raving about, I don't know where to start.

How about that man Moench? The characterizations of both Jason Todd and the Batman were portrayed sympathetically and with conviction. The Chimera proved an absorbing adversary and I look forward to the impending resolution.

Apart from the fascinating main storyline, the subplots added further enjoyment. I'm going to stick my neck out and guess that the mysterious visitor "after all this time" is none other than Aunt Harriet. Also, the continuing emotional breakdown of Vicki Vale is as interesting as the physical breakdown of James Gordon. Doug Moench is *the* man to revitalize the cast of characters in Batman's life. Things are looking good.

Speaking of looking good, it's a crying shame that Don Newton is not hailed as **a fan-favorite. His artwork in recent months has been outstanding, and with this issue Don has hit a new high. Of course, Alfredo Alcala merits loud praise too.**

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We concur with your assessment of Newton and Alcala, Dale—as do a growing number of other correspondents. (Keep this up, Don and Alfredo, and you'll lose your status as cult favorites...)

Dear Len,

BATMAN #364 portrayed the Batman perfectly. Doug Moench is doing some of his best writing on this character. And the art by Don Newton and Alfredo Alcala is perfect. Both have yet to draw a bad issue.

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See what we mean, guys?

FINAL ADVICE: Don't forget to follow our alternating storylines in each issue of *Detective Comics*. We're doing our best to integrate the two titles as never before, and we think they now go together like ... um ... Batman and Robin.

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